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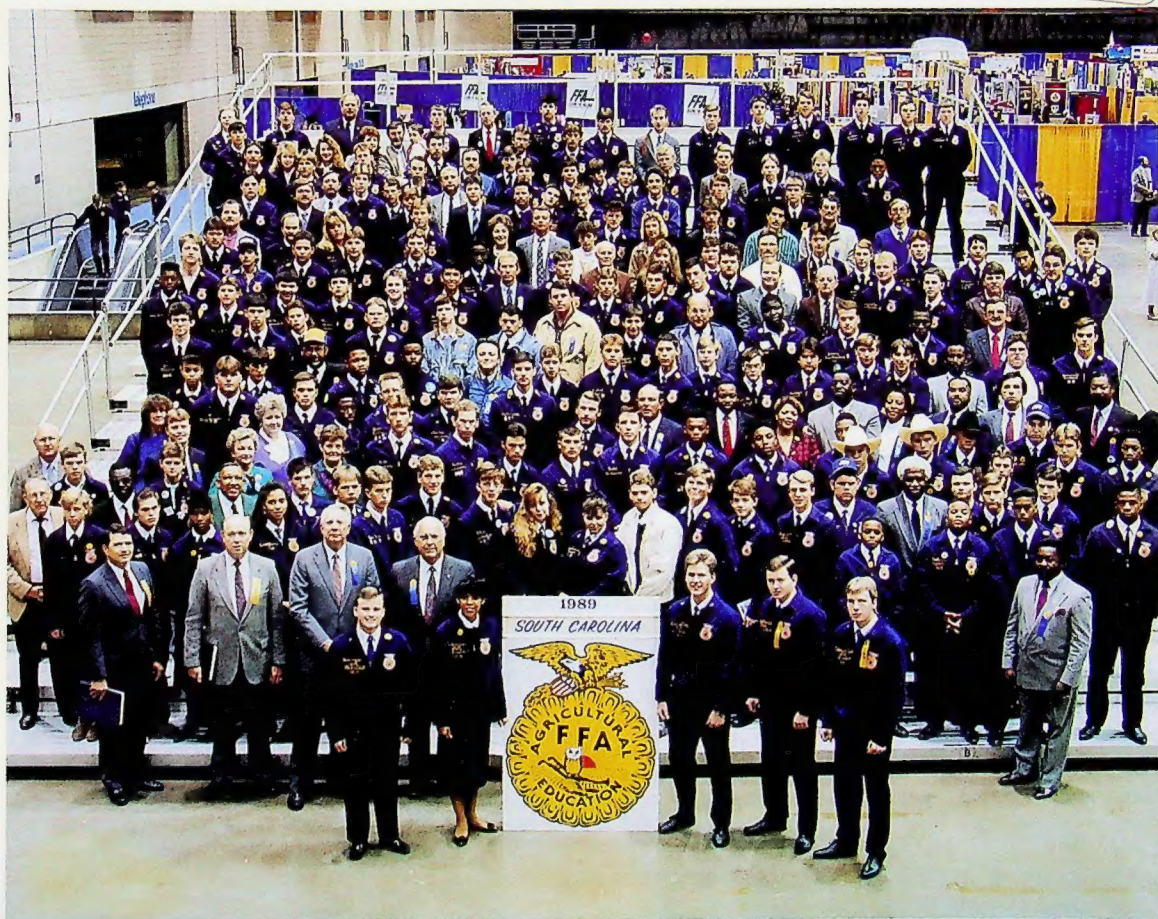
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TO FUTURE FARMERS

BY J. EARL FRICK, JR.

The 1989 South Carolina delegation to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, November 8-11, set a new attendance record from our state. More than 215 FFA members, agricultural education teachers, and special guests joined the 23,764 FFA members from every state in the nation for an exciting four-day event. Such notable speakers as William Bennett, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy; Clayton Yeutter, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture; former professional football player, Terry Bradshaw; and Debbie Turner, Miss America 1990, gave inspirational addresses to those in attendance. Congratulations to the many chapters and individuals who received special recognition at the National Convention for their achievements during the past year. Many of our FFA members and advisors are shown with their awards in this issue of the magazine. South Carolina

FFA was well represented, and our state can be proud of the accomplishments of our young people.

National FFA Week will be celebrated during the week of George Washington's birthday, February 17-24. Let's join together to tell the successful story of agriculture and our FFA organization. All of our students and their parents should be made aware of the many careers that are available in the broad industry of agriculture. The decade of the nineties will see a critical need for agricultural scientists, engineers, managers, producers and professional ag workers to fill the jobs that will be available. The FFA members and advisors should work together to convince our young adults that there are many exciting careers in agriculture. The basic needs of food, clothing and shelter must be provided for a rapidly growing worldwide population.

TO YOUNG FARMERS

BY STEVE WILLIS

The South Carolina Young Farmer Association will hold its 42nd annual convention on January 19-20, 1990 at the Radisson/Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach. The convention will begin with registration at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, followed by a reception, and the production awards banquet at 7:00 p.m.

Chapter awards and Young Farmer of the Year will be presented Saturday evening. One of the events added is the Young Farmer dance which will be after the Awards Banquet on Saturday. We have scheduled The Jeff Willis Band for this occasion. Our exhibitor participation has increased to the point that Saturday morning will be reserved for you to visit with them. A tour at Hardee Manufacturing Company in Loris will be held Saturday afternoon.

Transportation will be provided for those ladies who wish to "tour" Waccamaw. The State Young Farmer Officers urge you and your chapter to participate in this very special occasion. These two days will provide an ex-

cellent opportunity to visit with longtime friends and renew acquaintances.

The 23rd National Young Farmer Institute held in Columbus, Ohio November 25-30, was attended by representatives from all over the U.S.

Two State Young Farmer Officers, five members from the Britton's Neck Chapter, and the Executive Secretary represented South Carolina at this exciting and very enjoyable gathering of Young Farmers.

The Ohio Association had arranged some very interesting tours. Most were farm oriented, and some were of the sites around Columbus. The accommodations were superb, the food great, and the fellowship with new and old acquaintances terrific.

One of the highlights for our group was Joey Wilson placing 1st out of 55 contestants in the Farm & Ranch Management contest. Next year the Institute will be in Denver, Colorado. This Institute promises to be another good one, so if possible attend. You will not be disappointed.

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Cover Photo

More than 200 South Carolina Future Farmers participated in the recent annual National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo. Many of those who attended are shown in the cover photograph made during the convention.

YF Convention January 19-20

South Carolina Young Farmers will celebrate their 42nd annual Young Farmer Convention at Myrtle Beach in January. The convention will be held Friday and Saturday, January 19-20 at the Radisson/Kingston Plantation.

Highlights of the convention will be a banquet and presentation of awards at a banquet session Friday night, technical presentations in agricultural related topics, a visit with exhibitors Saturday morning, and a tour of Hardee Manufacturing Company at Loris Saturday afternoon. This agricultural equipment manufacturing plant developed from its founder studying welding in the agricultural education class at Loris High School many years ago.

The Young Farmer of the Year will be recognized at the banquet session Saturday night and winners of the various young farmer contests will be presented state and district awards.

Young Farmer officers taking part in convention activities include Joey Wilson of Chester, president; Hugh Weathers of Bowman, president-elect; Vice Presidents Brian Clinkscales of Iva; Bill Nance of York; Charles Edens of Dalzell; Melvin Crum of Orangeburg; and Archie Felder of Bowman, past president.

Russell S. Willis of Columbia, district consultant in agricultural education, serves as executive secretary; and Hugh P. McClimon of Columbia, state supervisor of agricultural education, is advisor.

FFA Week Feb. 17-24

"FFA-Leading the Challenge" will be the theme of National FFA Week February 17-24.

Nearly one-half million Future Farmers will celebrate the week-long activities directed towards educating the public to the scope of agricultural education, the FFA organization, and the variety of agricultural careers available. J. Earl Frick of Florence, executive secretary of SCFFA, said nearly 5,000 SCFFA members will join in the week's activities.

"We are proud of the FFA and the ideals and leadership it stimulates," Hugh P. McClimon, state supervisor of agricultural education, said. He urged chapter advisors and leaders to plan FFA Week programs that will emphasize the

FFA Delegates Pass Reapportionment

Kansas City, Mo. — State representation was a challenging issue at the 62nd National FFA Convention. A proposed constitutional amendment to alter the number of voting delegates allowed state associations came up for the third time in four days during the Saturday morning session.

Delegates to the convention voted to entitle states one official convention delegate for every 2,000 active members in addition to the minimum two delegates each state currently is allowed. The original proposal, which was amended, provided for an additional delegate for every 1,000 members. Previously, each state was entitled to two delegates plus one additional delegate for every 10,000

members.

The delegate reapportionment amendment, which was originally proposed at the Wednesday general business session, had to be reconsidered in a special session on Friday. When the Friday debate wound into Saturday morning, the stage was set for the Saturday reconsideration.

The number of delegates a state should be constitutionally allowed has been a heavily debated convention question for several years. The delegates are integral to the operations of FFA. In addition to representing their state associations in convention voting, they sit on committees and task forces which help decide issues facing the organization.

Clemson Receives Grant From R.J. Reynolds Co.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. has presented a \$5,000 agricultural grant to Clemson University. Fifteen land-grant universities across the United States will receive these grants, which are designed to enhance the future of agricultural education.

The Agricultural Enhancement Grant provides the chief administrator at Clemson University's college of agriculture with discretionary funds to implement special agricultural programs.

The \$5,000 grant may be used to:

- recognize faculty, staff and students knowledgeable in the agricultural sciences;
- encourage better communication between legislative and agricultural

leaders concerning the needs and importance of agricultural science;

- aid in agricultural career awareness and student recruitment;
- serve as "seed monies" to develop other sources of funding for agricultural programs; and
- improve or enhance tobacco research programs at the university.

Since 1962, Reynolds Tobacco has contributed more than \$13.2 million to land-grant universities for tobacco research, education and extension. During that same period, the company has contributed \$672,700 to Clemson for its tobacco research, education and extension efforts.

message and values of FFA to the school and community.

Outdoor billboards, public service announcements for radio and television will highlight statewide sponsored activities. Local FFA Chapters will sponsor com-

munity and school programs.

FFA Week traditionally is observed during the week of George Washington's Birthday out of respect for his great leadership skills and innovative practices in agriculture.

National FFA Convention

An Adventurous Experience

A journey to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo. is an adventurous new experience for thousands of youths in November each year.

Flying, especially is new to many of the South Carolina delegates on their first trip to the National Convention.

"Golly!" exclaimed Chad Trotter of Midland Valley FFA Chapter in Aiken County, as the big airliner left the ground from Columbia Metropolitan Airport enroute to Kansas City in November. Chad said, "I was a little worried before we left," but he soon settled down to enjoy the flight to Atlanta and Kansas City.

"I don't like it, but I feel better now after taking off," Chris Benoit also of Midland Valley, added.

"Okay now, no problem, I had done a 'run through of it' earlier in my mind," reflected Matthew Gordon of Estill, who was looking forward to receiving his American FFA Degree in Kansas City. "Attaining the American FFA Degree is fulfillment of a goal," he said. Now a truck driver of an 18 wheeler, he has owned his own truck for the past year. He is a 1987 graduate of Estill High School, and began working for his grandfather who owns a trucking line.

Flying into Atlanta and Kansas, brilliant foilage of fall colors was observed through the overcast, then clear weather as the flight neared Kansas City, flying over flat country, farm land, and fields framed by patches of woods along the distant horizon.

An excitement and suspense captured the thousands of Future Farmers as they entered the huge Kansas City Municipal Auditorium for the opening session Wednesday night. The enthusiasm reached a zenith with the opening ceremony, the posting of colors, and the playing and singing of the National FFA Band and Chorus.

Then came Invocation by Kelli Evans, past National FFA president; and welcome by Dana Soukup, president of National FFA.

"For those willing to work the awards are tremendous," Terry Bradshaw, former Pittsburgh Steeler of Dallas, Texas, said in the kick-off address to the thousands of delegates Thursday morning.

"Get out there and do the job. You never know when your opportunity may come. Be prepared. Win superbowls. Set the standard if you believe it, do it...Get out there and do something.

Make things happen," Mr. Bradshaw continued. "Leadership can escalate growth," he added.

"Most of us would rather have a good alibi than a great skill," Ty Boyd, motivational speaker of Charlotte, N.C., noted in emphasizing that "ordinary people doing extra ordinary things are overcoming their alibis. No more alibis. I will accept nothing less than doing the best," he said.

Other speakers on the three-day program included Gen. Charles M. Duke, Jr., former astronaut of Lancaster, S.C., Clayton Yeutter, U.S. secretary of agriculture; William Bennett, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Miss America Debbye Turner; and Mamie McCullough.

Correction

Dr. Curtis D. White, Sr., new assistant professor in agricultural education at Clemson University, is a graduate of the former Green Sea High School, and was a member of the Green Sea FFA Chapter. An article in the Fall issue of the YF FFA Magazine listed Dr. White as a graduate of Loris High School. He served as State FFA officer during 1975-76.



"Golly", exclaimed Chad Trotter of Midland Valley, as the flight left the ground in Columbia on what was the first airplane ride for Chad and several others who attended

the convention. Chris Benoit of Midland Valley, right said "I don't like it, but I feel better now," after being airborne for several minutes.



American FFA Degree Honors were presented to, left to right, Brian K. Clinkscales of Crescent FFA Chapter in Anderson County, William R. McAdams II of Pendleton; Floyd D. Elliott of Green Sea Floyds, Lloyd Richardson of Britton's Neck, James L. Ennis, Jr. of Aiken, Patrick E. Settle of Dorman, Matthew Gordon of Estill, Tyron Williams of Britton's Neck, and Ralph D. Johnson of Green Sea Floyds. Others not shown include Barry Todd of Loris, and Timothy C. Graves of Estill.



Harry Bell of Ward, president of the South Carolina Farm Bureau, left, was presented the Honorary American FFA Degree on behalf of the National FFA by Hugh P. McClimon of Columbia, State supervisor of agricultural education.

SCFFA Share in National FFA Honors

National recognition was bestowed upon 40 individuals from South Carolina at the 62nd National FFA Convention during November in Kansas City, Mo. Those receiving honors included Future Farmers, agriculture teachers and agricultural leaders who have contributed time and effort to the progress of agricultural education and FFA leadership in the state.

Eleven Future Farmers received the American FFA Degree, and five agricultural and educational leaders were awarded the Honorary American FFA Degree. They are listed in another article in this issue.

Other award winners follow:

Darrell W. Ricketts, agriculture teacher at Green Sea Floyds, was presented the Agriscience Teacher Award. Two of his students, Clay G. Britt, was presented the Agriscience Student Award; and Paul Collins was honored with the Computers in Agriculture Award.

Dr. John H. Rodgers of Clemson, FFA VIP Citation.

Eleven FFA Chapters received Chapter and Safety Awards. They include:

National Chapter Award: Dorman at

Spartanburg and Green Sea Floyds, Silver Emblem; McBee and Pleasant Hill, Bronze Emblem.

Building Our American Communities Award: Britton's Neck, Gold Emblem; Central FFA Chapter at Pageland, Clover and Furman-Manchester, Bronze.

National Safety Award: Dorman, Silver, and Loris and Pleasant Hill, Bronze.

Patrick E. Settle of Inman, represented South Carolina FFA as a candidate for National FFA officer.

Official delegates who served as voting delegates on business to come before the convention included Benny C. Young of Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter in Georgetown County, SCFFA president; and Floyd D. Elliott of Green Sea Floyds FFA Chapter, SCFFA vice president.

Four Future Farmers from South Carolina participated in the National FFA Band and Chorus, which had a key role in convention programs. They include Lee Mayfield of Dorman FFA Chapter in Spartanburg County, band; and Lee Barrett of Lexington AVC, Paul Collins and Barry Anderson, both of Green Sea Floyds, chorus.

South Carolina Future Farmers competed in six National FFA Contests.

The six National FFA events in which SCFFA members competed, and respective teams follow:

Agricultural Mechanics: Hillcrest High School in Greenville County, Steven Neves, Bill McKelvey, Brian Tollison, and Jody McFarlin, team members, and Clark Woods, advisor.

Livestock Judging Team: Crescent High School, Brian Duffell, Kevin Simpson, Tommy Smith, team members, and James P. Copelan, advisor.

Farm Business Management: Britton's Neck FFA Chapter, Jason Poston, Scott Everett, Sid Bacchus, team members, and Jerry Pace, advisor.

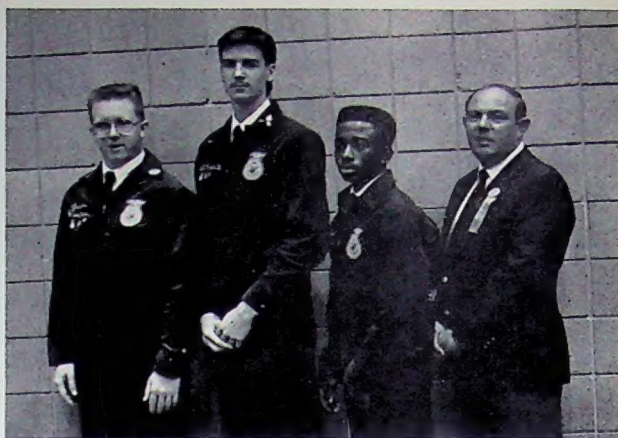
Forestry: Ware Shoals FFA Chapter, David McAllister, Scott Jones, and Clay Farr, team members, and Donnie R. Garrett, advisor.

Floriculture: Lexington Vocational Center, Chris Ray, Tony Shell, Lee Barrett, and Melvin O'Neal, team members, and Thomas E. Harmon, advisor.

Nursery/Landscape: Lexington Vocational Center, James Watson, Joel Smith, and Steven Holt, team members, and Thomas E. Harmon, advisor.



Members of the SCFFA Floriculture Team who competed in the National Contest in Kansas City include, left to right, Chris Ray, Tony Shell, Lee Barrett, and Skeeter O'Neal, team members; Marilyn Pounds, Lexington florist, and team coach; Tommy Harmon, agriculture teacher and team advisor; and Ken Lake, director of Lexington AVC.



SCFFA was represented in the National Farm Business Management Contest by Britton's Neck FFA Chapter. Team members include Jason Poston, Scott Everett, Sid Bacchus, and Jerry Pace, agriculture teacher and team advisor.



The SCFFA Agriculture Mechanics Team from Hillcrest FFA Chapter at Mauldin that participated in National competition included Clark Woods, agriculture teacher and team advisor; Brian Tolison, Jody McFarlen, Bill McKelvey, and Steven Neves.



The Ware Shoals FFA Forestry team that competed in the National FFA Forestry Contest included Scott Jones, David McAllister, Clay Farr, James R. Madden, and Donnie Garrett, agriculture teacher and team advisor.



The Nursery/Landscape Team from the FFA Chapter at Lexington Vocational Center represented SCFFA in the National Competition in Kansas City. Those in the picture include left to right, Richard Anderson of Kubota Tractor Corporation, Farmer's Branch, Texas, special project sponsor of the contest; Joel Smith, James Watson, and Steven Holt, team members; and Tommy Harmon, agriculture teacher and team advisor.



The Crescent FFA Chapter's Livestock Judging Team represented SCFFA in the National Contest in Kansas City. They are shown above with, left to right, Don R. Mauery, general Manager of Purina Mills, Inc., special project sponsor; Tommy Smith, Kevin Simpson, Brian Duffell, and Tim Smith, team members; and James P. Copelan, agriculture teacher and team advisor.



Dr. Charlie G. Williams, South Carolina Superintendent of Education, left, is shown above as he received the Honorary American FFA Degree at the recent National FFA Convention in Kansas City, MO. The honor was bestowed by National FFA officers including National FFA President Dana Soukup of Lincoln, NE, right.



D. Leslie Tindal, South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture, left, is shown above as he received the Honorary American FFA Degree at the recent National FFA Convention in Kansas City. The Honor was bestowed by National FFA officers including National FFA President Dana Soukup of Lincoln, NE, right.

American FFA

Eleven South Carolina students of agricultural education were awarded the American FFA Degree during the National FFA Convention.

Those receiving this highest award that can be bestowed upon a student of agricultural education in high school included Brian K. Clinkscales of Crescent FFA Chapter in Anderson County; Floyd D. Elliott of Green Sea Floyds FFA Chapter in Horry County; James L. Ennis, Jr. of Aiken FFA Chapter; Matthew J. Gordon of Estill FFA Chapter, and Timothy C. Graves of Estill FFA Chapter.

Also Ralph D. Johnson of Green Sea Floyds FFA Chapter; William R. McAdams II of Pendleton FFA Chapter; Lloyd Richardson of Britton's Neck FFA Chapter; Patrick E. Settle of Dorman FFA Chapter; Barry D. Todd of Loris FFA Chapter; and Tyron Williams of Britton's Neck FFA Chapter.

Honorary FFA

A South Carolina educational leader and agricultural leaders in the State were presented the Honorary American FFA Degree, the highest honorary award bestowed by the National FFA at its 62nd annual convention last

November in Kansas City, MO.

They include Dr. Charlie G. Williams of Columbia, State Superintendent of Education; Leslie Tindal, South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture; and Harry Bell of Ward, president of the South Carolina Farm Bureau; and Donnie and Carol Todd of Longs, parents of Barry Todd who was honored as Regional Star Agribusinessman.

The Honorary American FFA Degree is awarded in recognition of the recipient's support and contribution to the FFA organization and its objectives to prepare young people for leadership and careers in agribusiness.



Barry Todd of Loris FFA, left, is shown above during presentation of his Regional Star Agribusiness Award. Others in the picture include, left to right, Carol Todd, his mother who was presented the Honorary American Degree along with his father, Donnie, who was unable to attend; his wife, Seina; and his agriculture teacher, Ben Hardee.



Dr. John Rodgers of Clemson, and former head of the Agricultural Education Department at Clemson University, right, was presented the National FFA VIP Citation Award at the recent National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo. Now retired, Dr. Rodgers was recognized with the VIP honor for contribution of much time and service to FFA on both state and national levels. Dr. Glen C. Shinn, current head of Agricultural Education Department at Clemson, congratulates Dr. Rodgers on his recognition.



Activities in and around the KC Municipal Auditorium where the convention was held include: Top row, delegates head across the street for convention hall. Second row, delegates receive copies of the FFA Times, convention newsletter, then enter the huge municipal auditorium. Over in the Agricultural Career Exhibits, "Bigfoot" stands majestically before delegates in third row, left. In right photograph, Tim Shealy and Marchen Gill of Clemson University, take turns working the Clemson Collegiate Chapter's booth in the Agricultural Careers Exhibit, as Daron Lambert inquires about Clemson.



Dr. Charles G. Williams, SC Superintendent of Education, left, discusses convention activities with SCFFA Officers Floyd Elliott, Benny Young, and Michael Wright.



Darrell W. Ricketts, agriculture teacher at Green Sea Floyds, regional winner of the Agriscience Teacher of the Year Award, exchange congratulations with Paul Collins who was presented the Computers in Agriculture Award. Clay Britt of the Chapter, not shown, was honored with the Agriscience Student of the Year Award.



Marti Asner of the US Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC, explains biotechnology factors to Bobby Whitehead, principal of Gilbert High School; and Jack Cunningham, agriculture teacher at Gilbert. Ms. Asner is a cousin of Ed Asner, television star, who spoke to the convention earlier that day.



Stan Kingma of Roanoke, VA, director of the National FFA Chorus, is shown above with chorus members from South Carolina. Those in the picture include, left to right, Lee Barrett of Lexington AVC Chapter of Future Farmers; Mr. Kingma, Paul Collins and Barry Anderson, both of Green Sea Floyds FFA Chapter.

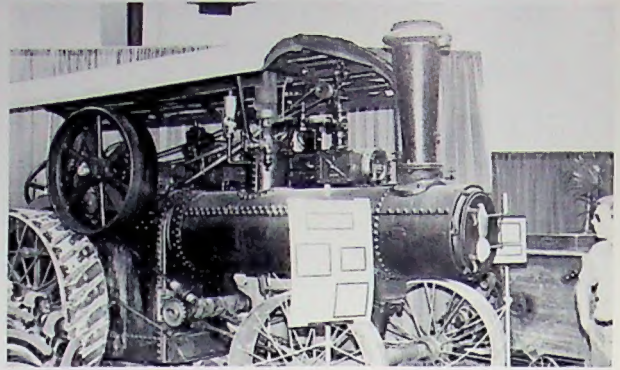


Representatives of three SCFFA Chapters who were presented National Chapter Safety Awards included, left to right, front, Tony Pope and Cindy Douglas of Pleasant Hill, Bronze; Tony Barnett and Thomas Dismures of Dorman, Silver; and back row, Sammy Graham and Scott Causey of Loris, Bronze.



Among those on the homeward flight were Trey Johnson, Keith Cox, agriculture teacher at Latta, and Kimberly Young of Estill, SCFFA vice president. Second seat includes Terry Huggins, Richard Cooper, and Michael Owens, all the State FFA Parliamentary Team from Latta; and third seat are Drene Williams and her father, Drefus Williams, agriculture teacher at Furman Manchester; and Robbe Windham of Lamar.

State Fair



Modern farm tractor power compared with tractors at the turn of the century was vividly portrayed with these exhibits at the 1989 SC State Fair last October.



Kim McMullian of Crescent FFA Chapter, left, showed the reserve and grand champion Shorthorn in the Junior Beef Division at the SC State Fair. Others in the picture include, left to right, James Copelan, agriculture teacher; and Kim's parents, Dale and Linda McMullian.



Art Garrison of Pendleton FFA Chapter, showed the grand champion Simmental in the Junior Beef Division at the SC State Fair. Others in the picture include, left to right, Al Gray, agriculture teacher at Pendleton; Carmen Shirley, first place in senior calves for Simmental; and Michael Mattress who showed reserve champion Simmental, senior calf champion and first in showmanship for Simmental.



Wayne Templeton of Abbeville is shown with the grand champion for Cross Breeds in the SC State Fair.



Abby Sinclair of Crescent FFA Chapter, won first place showman-ship for Brahman with the animal she is holding.

Crescent Chapter

Crescent FFA Chapter participated in four livestock shows during the fall. These included Anderson, Spartanburg, Augusta, and the State Fair in Columbia.

Members of the chapter participating in Junior Beef Show at the State Fair in Columbia included, Chuck Seawright, Wes Massey, Patrick Carnes, Chad Hicks, Tommy Smith, John Massey, Travis Greer, Kenny Powell and Bryon Duffell, Jeff Carnes, Chris Lathan, Abby Sinclair, Branda Fortner, Jody McBride, Grey Moon, Sherry Mauldin, Sheryl Holloway, and Jon Rainey.



Patrick E. Settle of Inman, candidate for National FFA Officer, is shown on the way to one of his many interviews with the nomination committee.



Members of the James F. Byrnes FFA Chapter who showed animals at the State Fair include, left to right, Brian Williams, Reggie Kitchens, Tyson Waddell, Steve Davis, and Andy Bridwell.

Coming Events

National FFA Week	February 17-24
State FFA and 4-H	
Soil Judging	March 17, Florence
State FFA Livestock Contest	April 7, Clemson
Forest Products	
Harvesting Field Day	April 21, Manchester State Forest
State FFA and 4-H	
Forestry Contest	May 12, Pontiac
State FFA Convention	June 6-8, Clemson



Michael Mattress of Pendleton, is shown with his reserve champion Simmental at the SC State Fair. A high school junior, Michael is herdsman for Dr. Joe Shirley, local veterinarian, standing at back of the champion.

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